



HOT ITEMS

. **CA's International Building and Fire Code adoption hearing scheduled for Jan 29th and 30th in Sacramento.** Link to http://www.bsc.ca.gov/cal_evnt.html for scheduling details.

. **Next State Board of Fire Services meeting will be Wednesday, February 21st at SFM Offices in Sacramento.**

SFM Website:
<http://osfm.fire.ca.gov>

State Fire Marshal Top 5 Priorities for 2007

Two years ago, the SFM published its first official work plan and placed it on the website at <http://osfm.fire.ca.gov/pdf/firemarshal/workplan.pdf>. In it we detail all of the major (and some minor) projects we are focused on, the name of the primary contact; and the dates for goals, milestones or completion. The opening pages of the document are the Top Five Priorities. They receive primary attention when it comes to staffing, budgeting or timing decisions.

We are updating the document this month to reflect our 2007-09 work plans. The Leadership Team (Managers, Supervi-

sors and Labor) selected these Top Five priorities for our renewed focus:

1. State Fire Training Improvements
2. ICC Code - Adoption/Training
3. SFM Succession Planning
4. WUI Building Standards & Fire Hazard Severity Zone Map.
5. CDF Law Enforcement Program and Policy Review

Please feel free as Fire Chiefs to comment on our Work Plan and priorities if you think there are other issues that we should address.

Assistant SFM Kate Dargan

International Building and Fire Codes for 2008

The final countdown for the I-Code adoption is at hand. January will complete the CA code development process. By mid-February, the adopted codes will be off to publishing with a July 1st publication date. Your fire marshal staff will attend one-day training classes offered around the state by the Cal Chiefs FPO sections, CALBO, and various ICC chapters. The first round of classes will be focused on

the changes to the model code structure and philosophy. The classes offered in fall of 2007 will feature the state's Building and Fire codes. In addition, staff should start looking at your local adoption and ordinance issues early as this will be a big year for revamping your local adoptions. There are many changes with this code and it won't be possible to use much of your existing ordinance as a template.

Action Item

Again!!! Budget planning for your department fire marshal staff is imperative. Class attendance will be required for at least some staff, as well as multiple sets of code books. A ballpark budget estimate would be \$1500 per person trained.

State Fire Training—Implementing Blueprint 2020

The SFT Strategic Plan—*Blueprint 2020* has been completed and vetted through its major stakeholder groups. It has moved out of 'draft' phase and into review/approval through STEAC and the State Board of Fire Services. You can obtain a copy at <http://osfm.fire.ca.gov/StateFireTraining.html>. We thank and commend Chief Bill Sager (ret.), Chief John Malmquist (ret.) and Cal Chiefs for providing inspiration, organiza-

tion, and resources for this project. As previously noted SFT and the strategic plan have moved up to our top priority. We will be working to fund field training liaison staff and any legislative concepts needed to support this strategic plan. We are also opening conversations with OES and Cal Poly (SLO) to see how best to coordinate with the proposed Emergency Management degree.



State Fire Marshal/State Fire Training booth at the Training Officers Symposium this fall in Fresno

Wildland-Urban Interface Fire Hazard

In January, CDF/SFM begins a roll-out of the new California Fire Hazard Severity Zone maps for all areas of the state. If your department contains any SRA or LRA WUI areas, these maps will affect your local building codes. Starting in January 2008, all new buildings constructed in any SRA Moderate to Very High Hazard Area, and any LRA Very High Hazard Area, or any area so locally designated, will be required to comply with new Ignition Resistant Building construction. The maps form the foundation for these codes and will be going through a series of public hearings in each

county as they are adopted statewide for the SRA areas and locally by city or county for the LRA areas. This represents a significant new development in the Interface arena and will generate much discussion over the year ahead as politicians, planning commissions, building and planning departments, and the public focus on Interface fire issues. Leading this map roll-out for CDF-SFM is Chief Wayne Mitchell and a team of subject experts who will be assisting as a steering committee. For more information contact Chief Mitchell at wayne.mitchell@fire.ca.gov.



Staff and Events

On December 19th the OSFM hosted a **Reunion of State Fire Marshals**. Ron Coleman, James McMullen, Phil Favro and many of their staff joined Chief Grijalva (see photo) for good food, some laughs, and a celebration of the history and accomplishments of the SFM Office. Each of the SFMs thanked their staff for their dedication and service to the office and gave credit to their employees for much of their accomplishments during their time in office.



Ron Coleman (1992-2000), James McMullen (1985-92)
Ruben Grijalva (2004-present) and Phil Favro (1975-83)